

ESF Coordinator

Stillwater Billings Clinic

Primary Agencies

Stillwater County Disaster & Emergency
Services

Support Agencies

American Red Cross
Columbus Fire/Rescue/EMS
Stillwater Co. Sheriff/Coroner
Stillwater Co. Sanitarian
Stillwater Co. Public Health
MSU Extension/Veterinary Services

Introduction**Purpose**

Emergency Support Function (ESF) #8 - Public Health and Medical Services provides a process to implement life-sustaining response programs and locate essential medical resources and support from higher levels of government following a potential or actual public health and/or medical disaster or emergency.

Scope

ESF #8— Public Health and Medical Services is activated during or following a potential or actual public health medical disaster or emergency by Stillwater Billings Clinic as needed during incidents.

Individuals, government departments, agencies, private stakeholders, companies and outside NGO assistance involved in ESF #8 will vary greatly depending on the impacts, magnitude and type of incident.

The primary functions of ESF #8 are:

- Assessment of public health/ medical needs
- Health surveillance
- Medical care personnel
- Health/ medical equipment and supplies
- Patient evacuation
- Patient care
- Safety and security of drugs, biologics, and medical devices
- Blood and blood products
- Public health and medical consultation, technical assistance and support
- Behavioral health care
- Public health and medical information
- Vector control
- Food safety
- Portable water/wastewater and solid waste management and disposal
- Mass fatality management, victim identification and decontaminating remains
- Veterinary medical support

Policies

ESF #8 Policies

Stillwater Billings Clinic (SBC) serves as the ESF Coordinator for ESF #8 throughout the disaster or emergency. ESF #8 may be activated during or following a potential or actual public health medical disaster or emergency by SBC as needed during incidents

ESF #8 services are provided to Stillwater County residents through partnerships with neighboring agencies, NGOs and non-profits. Plans for implementation and delivery of these functions, in most cases are housed with the partner organizations. In this case, ESF #8 references the specific partner organization plan(s) which are maintained and updated by that organization.

ESF #8 concentrates first on addressing threats to life during a disaster or emergency. Support is tailored based on the type, extent, and duration of the incident and on the availability of resources.

Concept of Operations

General

ESF #14 provides the coordination mechanisms for local governments and NGO assessment of long-term recovery needs in the impacted areas.

SC DES organizes the ESF staff and support agencies based upon the core functional areas described in succeeding paragraphs. ESF #14 organizes and provides coordination and technical support for long-term recovery of the local jurisdiction(s).

Identified long-term recovery projects focused on infrastructure and services critical to the community will be managed by the local (county, city, town, NGOs) jurisdiction with assistance from SC DES as needed and agreed to by Stillwater County.

Support agencies will provide assistance under the Incident Command System (ICS) in place to the ESF Coordinator and Primary Agencies in line with their mission, functions and capacity.

Table 14-1. Functional Categories and Responsibilities

	ESF Primary Agency	ESF Responsibilities
Coordination	SC DES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coordinate needs with state and federal government agencies to enhance long-term recovery efforts on behalf of the local jurisdiction and/or NGOs.• Convene multi-disciplinary recovery expertise to provide strategic guidance and planning for long-term recovery efforts.• Identify and address long-term recovery issues, including those that fall between existing mandates of departments or levels of local government.• Avoid duplication of assistance by providing a single point of contact to state and federal government agencies during a disaster or emergency within Stillwater County or the cities/towns within County boundaries.• Coordinate application processes and planning requirements to streamline the assistance processes and identify and

		coordinate resolution of policy and program issues. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify programs and activities across the public, private and non-profit sectors that support long-term recovery and promote coordination between programs. Identify appropriate programs and agencies to support implementation of comprehensive long-term community planning and identify gaps in available resources. Identify appropriate programs and agencies to support and facilitate continuity of long-term recovery activities.
Technical Support	SC DES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with all levels of government(s), NGOs and private sector organizations to support long-term recovery planning for impacted communities. Strategically apply subject matter expertise to help communities recover from disasters.

Organization—Response Structure

ESF #14 operates under the direction of SC DES. SC DES will identify and provide a coordinator based on the assistance needed for an incident requiring the activation of ESF #14. An appropriate coordinator will be assigned based on the impacts, magnitude and type of incident and subject matter expertise appropriate to the situation.

When an incident or incidents require assistance from more than one of the ESF functions, or activation of multiple ESFs from this EOP, SC DES may delegate leading individual functions to ad-hoc emergency employees. Ad-hoc emergency employees provide a regional point of contact that represents ESF #14 in its dealings with any Unified Command Group or political jurisdiction. The Coordinator of the SC DES may supervise ad-hoc emergency employees.

Actions and Responsibilities

Table 14-2. Actions and Responsibilities

Functional Category	Actions and Responsibilities
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If advanced warning is available ESF #14 may provide early identification of projects that can be quickly implemented, especially to reduce impacts to critical facilities. Collaborates with other activated ESFs in a way that facilitates long-term recovery including assessment of impacts and needs.

Coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Convenes multi-disciplinary teams to develop incident-specific action plans that support community recovery and mitigation activities and avoid the duplication of requests for government assistance.• Facilitates sharing of information among government and non-government entities as needed for long-term recovery.• Coordinates identification of appropriate programs to support implementation of long-term community recovery.• Coordinates with ESFs, governmental departments and agencies and non-governmental bodies as needed to identify long-term recovery needs specific to the needs of the affected populations and incorporate these into recovery and restoration strategies.• Facilitates recovery decision making across ESFs and political jurisdictions.
Technical Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May provide technical assistance to local governments (county, city, towns) in their own long-term recovery processes or interactions with State and Federal agencies as a result of a disaster or emergency as requested and available.

Signatures

We, the undersigned, understand our roles and responsibilities as outlined in ESF #6.

Carol Arkell, Coordinator
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